

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this paper, Claims 35-39 and 46-63 were pending. In this paper, Claims 35, 46, 55 and 61-62 are amended; and Claims 36, 59, and 60 are cancelled. Claims 35, 37-39, 46-58, and 61-63 are currently pending. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 36 and 60 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In this paper, the limitations of Claim 36 were moved into independent Claim 35, and the limitations of Claim 60 and Claim 59 were moved into independent Claim 46. For at least this reason, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 35 and 46 are in condition for allowance. Claims 37-39 are respectfully submitted to be allowable at least because they depend on Claim 35. Claims 47-54, 56-58, and 61-63 are respectfully submitted to be allowable at least because they depend on Claim 46.

It is respectfully submitted that all rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are rendered moot in light of the amendments to the claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (Claim 55)

Claim 55 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants amended Claim 55 in the manner suggested by the Examiner. For at least this reason, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection to Claim 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is rendered moot by the amendment to Claim 55.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (Claims 35, 37-39, 46-58 and 61-63) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that the prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. Although only certain arguments regarding patentability are set forth herein, there may be other arguments and reasons why the claimed invention is patentable. Applicant reserves the right to raise these arguments in the future.

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